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Adoption

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When adoption services are requested, both the adoption program and the resources available to enable the family to stay together are fully discussed with the applicant. If adoption remains the stated goal, the applicant is referred to the appropriate LO for intake and assessment.

See [CP&P-IV-C-1-300](#). The Screener may call the LO directly, on behalf of the applicant, to begin intake processing. If, however, there are any indications of abuse or neglect, the Local Office also investigates and takes whatever action is necessary to protect the child. See [CP&P-II-C-5-1100](#).

When an infant or very young child appears to have been abandoned and whose birth parents and family cannot be identified or located, adoption is the presumed goal and the case may be referred to and immediately opened at the LO office for other services and pre-adoptive placement. See [CP&P-C-5-700](#), [CP&P-IV-C-1-700](#), and [CP&P-IV-C-1-300](#).

Safe Haven Infants

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See [CP&P-IV-C-5-100](#), Safe Haven Infants.